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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to an Office Action mailed September 14, 2001 and made final, and in response to the Notice of January 15, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 5, add new claim 41, and amend claims 1, 39 and 40 as follows:

- 1. (Twice Amended) A reagent composition for flow cytometric analysis of a sample of fresh human blbod, comprising:
- a lipoprotein in dontact with leukocytes of said sample of fresh human blood for minimizing lysis of said leukocytes;
- an agent for lysing erythrocytes from said sample of fresh blood for permitting flow cytometric analysis of said leukocytes; and
- a preservative selected from the group consisting of diazolidinyl urea (DU), imidazolidinyl urea (IDU), an oxazolidine and mixtures thereof.

(Once Amended) A reagent composition for cytometric analysis 39. of a sample of fresh human blood, comprising:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is a small entity. A statement was already filed.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 50-1097. If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 450-1097.

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